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" REV. DR. LOWREY,
" MARY T. LATHROP,
" BISHOP CLARK,

Publishing Committee.

MINUTES.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1875.

THE General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in Baltimore City, on Wednesday, May 5, 1875, and opened its sixth annual session with reading of Scripture by Miss Hart of the Baltimore Branch.

A hymn of consecration was sung, followed by prayer.

Mrs. Frances A. Crook, of the Baltimore Branch, was elected Presiding Officer of the Executive Committee, and Miss Hart requested to continue as Chairman until Mrs. Crook could be notified of her election.

On nomination, Mrs. R. R. Battee, of Baltimore, was elected Secretary, and Mrs. Dr. Lowry, of Philadelphia, Assistant Secretary.

The following delegates responded to the calling of the roll: —

NEW ENGLAND. — Mrs. C. P. Taplin, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Mrs. John Kendrick.

NEW YORK — Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, Mrs. M. S. Wheeler, Mrs. S. E. Rose.

NORTHWESTERN. — Mrs. J. F. Willing, Mrs. I. L. Hauser, Mrs. M. T. Lathrop.

WESTERN. — Mrs. L. E. Prescott, Mrs. Bishop Andrews, Miss Phœbe Elliot.

PHILADELPHIA. — Mrs. J. F. Keen, Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. J. F. Long.

CINCINNATI. — Mrs. Dr. W. B. Davis, Mrs. Bishop Clark, Mrs. W. A. Ingham.

BALTIMORE. — Miss Isabel Hart, Miss M. C. Fisher, Mrs. J. W. Somers.

The first business in order was the appointment of Standing Committees, which were as follows: —

Committee on Finance. — Mrs. Willing, Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Davis, Miss Hart.

Committee on Extension of Work. — Mrs. Willing, Mrs. Kendrick, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Long, Mrs Andrews, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Somers.

Committee on Publication. — Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Taplin, Mrs. Lathrop, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Ingham, Miss Elliot, Miss Fisher.

Committee on Missionary Candidates. — Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Daggett, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs Davis, Miss Hart.

Pending the arrival of the Presiding Officer, Bishop Ames addressed the meeting.

The Bishop remarked that he was glad to express the gratification he felt in welcoming the ladies to Baltimore; he spoke of the great need of just such workers as the women send into the foreign field, and referred to the obstruction Catholicism offers to Evangelical Christianity. From all he had learned of this Society he was prepared to encourage and indorse it fully.

A committee of ministers from the Baltimore Preachers' Association, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Stitt, Edwards, and Carroll, bearing fraternal greetings to the Convention, were introduced, and expressed the cordial good wishes of their association for the success of missions as conducted by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. A pleasant response was made by Mrs. Willing, who said, "We cannot be very formal in replying to the kind words of Methodist ministers. These words of encouragement are especially grateful at this time, as they are needed. Never has the committee come together with more firm reliance on God and a deeper sense of the need of His presence and help."

Business was then resumed. The items relative to hours for meetings of General Executive Committee, sub-committees, and devotional exercises, were submitted and adopted.

The Annual Reports of the various branches were presented and read by their respective Corresponding Secretaries. Unabated interest, untiring zeal, and fervent love, upheld by faith in the God

of all nations, characterized the reports given, and statistical representations of receipts were made as follows: —

New England Branch	. . . . .	$9,682 84
New York	"	12,707 17
Northwestern	"	10,919 00
Western	"	6,091 00
Cincinnati	"	12,000 00
Philadelphia	"	6,517 29
Baltimore	"	4,581 77
Total	. . . . .	$62,499 07

The Corresponding Secretary of the Cincinnati Branch, detained at home by illness, was represented by Mrs. Davis, whose touching allusion to her friend, followed by tender messages conveyed by Mrs. Bishop Clark, awakened a profound sense of sorrow at the cause of her absence.

On motion, a suspension of business was ordered, and a committee, consisting of Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Willing, and Mrs. Skidmore, appointed to express the sentiments of the meeting towards their sister, Mrs. G. E. Doughty.

The Annual Report of the Heathen Woman's Friend, presented by the agent, was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Publication. On motion, visitors from the various Branches were accorded the privilege of sitting with their respective delegates for conference, etc.

Mrs. Gracey, delegate from India, was invited to participate in the business of the meeting. A letter from Mrs. Parker of the Moradabad Mission, was read, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Finance. Mrs. Gracey was invited to speak concerning the work in India, but declined, as her colleague, Mrs. Scott, had not arrived. A letter embodying reports and estimates from the work in Foochow was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

By consent of the Board, Mrs. Skidmore read portions of a letter she had received from Miss Trask, M. D., sustaining Mrs. Baldwin in her plea for special appropriations, etc.

An invitation to the delegates to attend a lecture by Rev. Mr. Guard, of Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church, was received and accepted.

The stated time for the forenoon session having expired, the standing committees were reminded of the hour and place of their several meetings, and the Convention adjourned with singing the doxology, and receiving the benediction from Rev. Mr. Hartsock.

THURSDAY, MAY 6.

According to previous arrangement, the committee met for devotional exercises at 9 A. M. At 9.30 the business of the meeting was taken up. The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Mrs. Ingham stated that she was the bearer of fraternal greetings and farewells from Mrs. Sites, who is now *en route* for China, to resume work providentially suspended for a season. A statement of the expenses of work in Kiukiang was given, and on motion referred to the Committee on Finance. A discussion ensued as to the expediency of reading the correspondence from the various mission fields.

It was voted that the letters be read before the Convention, and communications from Misses Howe and Hoag, missionaries in Kiukiang, were read by Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Willing, and Mrs. Davis.

Miss Hart read a letter from the Rev. Mr. Plumb, of the Foochow Mission, asking that the former action of the Board be rescinded in favor of another school of medicine than that represented by the medical missionaries now operating in foreign fields.

On motion, the subject was referred to a committee to be nominated for that purpose. Mrs. Willing moved a reconsideration of this vote, which was carried, and the matter referred to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

A communication from Rev. Mr Baldwin, of Foochow, was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance. A paper from Peking was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A statement of estimates, prepared by Dr. Butler, Superintendent of Missions in Mexico, was submitted, and referred to the Committee on Finance. Letters from Dr. and Mrs. Butler, were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance Communications from Miss Chapin and Rev. T. H. Wood, of the Mission in South America, were read, and on motion were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Announcements were made of a prayer-meeting to be led by Mrs. Keen at 5 o'clock, and of the anniversary exercises to be held in the main audience-room of First M. E. Church at 8 P. M. The speakers for this occasion to be Mrs. J. F. Willing and Mrs. C. P. Taplin, — Bishop Ames to preside.

The committee adjourned with singing the doxology, and benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Cooper.

Friday Morning, May 7.

Devotional exercises were held at the usual hour, and the meeting formally called to business at 9.30 A. M.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The correspondence from foreign lands being the order of the day, Mrs. Skidmore read letters from Rev. Mr. Flocken, Superintendent of the Bulgaria Mission, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Letters, with estimates from Miss Schoonmaker and Dr. Maclay of the Japan Mission, were read, and referred to the Committee on Finance. Highly commendatory remarks were made by Mrs. Willing concerning Miss Schoonmaker's adaptation to missionary work.

Estimates of the India Mission were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance. A communication from Mrs. Gill, of Paori, was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance. Other information concerning the India Mission was given by Mrs. Taplin, from a private letter from Mrs. Parker, and, on motion, such portions of it as related to the work were referred to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

Communications from Misses Lore and Sparkes of India were read by Mrs. Skidmore. A motion was made that they be referred to the Committee on Missionary Candidates, which motion was amended so as to except the part relating to the mission bungalow, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Miss Hart read communications from Rev. Jas. Deputie, Secretary of Liberia Conference, urging the necessity of female missionaries and teachers being sent either to Monrovia or Mount of Olives, naming his preference for the latter place. In this con-

nection, the President made a few remarks relative to the interest shown by the colored churches of Maryland and District of Columbia in the W. F. M. Society. The subject elicited various questions concerning the opening in Africa for this work, and it was moved and carried that the matter be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. Taplin called attention to the fact that Mrs. Gracey had been referred to in the correspondence from India as being able to substantiate, from personal knowledge, what had been said with regard to the length of time our missionaries in India could endure the climate and toil to which they are subjected. On motion, Mrs. Gracey was invited to speak on the subject, and in a few earnest words, based upon the custom of the English civil service of allowing its soldiers in India to recruit their strength every five or six years, and furthermore providing means for them to do so. She urged the need as bearing much more heavily upon the American women who had gone there to labor for souls.

On invitation, Mrs. Hauser, who had spent some years in India, added her views on this subject, urging that the interests of the cause, instead of suffering by their return, would be enhanced, verifying her statement by an account of service rendered in the West by returned missionaries, in promoting the cause of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Interesting letters were read by Mrs. Keen from Miss Hoag, of Kiukiang, and by Mrs. Skidmore and Mrs. Gracey from Miss Lore, of Moradabad.

Mrs. Rev. Dr. Newman was introduced, and invited to make some remarks upon the subject-matter of the letters read. Her remarks, delivered with much feeling, received marked attention. Though not familiar with the workings of the Society, she had, on a tour around the world, made observation of the work carried on by this Society, and remembered with pleasure many whose names occurred in the correspondence submitted. Mrs. Newman paid a beautiful tribute to the ladies who are devoting themselves, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to the conversion of heathen women. In answer to the inquiries proposed, information was given which imparted both comfort and

encouragement. Mrs. Taplin moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Newman, which motion was carried by a rising vote.

Announcements were made of meetings to be held, and as the various standing committees were somewhat pressed with work, at the suggestion of the President the meeting adjourned at 12 M. A doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Stitt.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 8.

Pursuant to order, the committee met at the usual hour. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Linville, of Washington. The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved. A partial report of the Committee on Finance was presented by Mrs. Taplin. It was moved that the report should be considered item by item. Item 1, with a slight amendment, was adopted. Item 2, applying to the appointment of our own missionaries as treasurers in their various stations, was, after general discussion, adopted. Item 3, naming Miss Porter treasurer of Peking Mission, was adopted. Item 4, appointing Miss Hoag treasurer of Kiukiang Mission, was adopted. Item 6, appointing Miss Schoonmaker treasurer of the Japan Mission, was adopted. The following substitute was adopted for Item 7. In view of the fact that there is an auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India, and Mrs. Parker is Corresponding Secretary of that Society, therefore, —

Resolved, That we elect Mrs. Parker as treasurer of the India Mission.

Item 8, appointing Miss Chapin treasurer of mission in South America, was adopted.

The following resolutions were offered by Mrs. Keen, and adopted as explanatory of Items 10 and 11 of the Report of Finance Committee, viz. —

In view of the fact that we have no lady missionary in Bulgaria,

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Flocken be elected treasurer of the Bulgarian Mission.

For the same reason, —

Resolved, That Rev. Jas. H. Deputie be elected treasurer of mission in Africa.

The Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates was next presented by Mrs. Hauser. The first item was recommitted. The second item of the Report, recommending "the Board to appoint a committee to arrange a form of questions to be embodied in the report of examining physicians regarding the physical ability of our missionary candidates," was adopted, and the present Committee on Missionary Candidates was appointed by the Board to be the committee designated.

The selection of a place for the next annual meeting was submitted for the action of the Board. The subject was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Willing, and Mrs. Andrews.

Inquiry was made by Mrs. Bishop Clark whether there was a committee appointed to take cognizance of the real estate owned by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Keen replied that this duty devolved upon the ladies in each Branch conducting the correspondence with our missionaries, and that she had investigated the matter as far as possible, within the bounds assigned to the Branch of which she is secretary, but had not been thoroughly satisfied with the returns. Miss Hart and Mrs. Willing disclaimed any knowledge either of what was required of them or the valuation placed upon their respective mission stations. Mrs. Davis reported that the property owned by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Oudh District is valued at $16,000. Mrs. Skidmore stated that she had received some information on the subject which was entirely satisfactory.

Without special action on the matter, a motion to adjourn was carried. A hymn of invocation was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Charles McElfresh.

Monday, May 10.

The Executive Committee met at the usual hour, and were led in devotional exercises by Mrs. S. E. Rose, of New Jersey.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

A discussion arose bearing upon the Records of the Society, and the following resolution was offered by Mrs. Willing: —

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft By-Laws, embodying the appointment and duties of the Committee of Reference and other items of the work of the General Executive Committee that recur each year.

The resolution was adopted, and Mrs. Daggett, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Somers were appointed.

Mrs. Lathrop presented the resolution, —

That in order to give information generally to our missionary societies, our Executive Minutes this year contain as much information as practicable, giving a brief statement of missions, with names of missionaries, number of schools and pupils, brief extracts of reports, and carefully culled portions of the correspondence.

This resolution prevailed.

A motion was made and carried that an Editing Committee be appointed for the purpose of carrying out the wishes of the Board embodied in the foregoing resolution.

Mrs. Daggett, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Lathrop, the secretaries of the meeting, and Mrs. Ingham were nominated. Mrs. Ingham declining to serve, Mrs. Clark was substituted and the committee appointed.

It was also moved and carried that the committee previously appointed to fix the place for next meeting of the General Executive Committee be continued indefinitely, and that their decision should be made known through the columns of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Mrs. Hauser : —

Whereas, The fact that the different Branches of our Society have no uniform rules in regard to the reporting of annual memberships, the election and registration of life members, nor as to the funds that may be used in payment of the same, which lack of unanimity causes great confusion and misunderstanding in the minds of members, therefore,

Resolved, That our Board appoint a committee to decide how long the name of a non-paying member shall be retained, what funds may apply to life memberships, and at what point of payment a person may be registered as a life member.

Mrs. Gracey called attention to a newspaper article, published May 10, which stated that the American Methodist Chapel at Kiu-

kiang was destroyed by a mob of Chinamen, and that the Chinese authorities had offered ample reparation for the outrage.

Announcements of meetings were made by the president.

A motion was made and carried that the Convention adjourn to meet in their several committees.

The doxology was sung, and benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Goucher.

TUESDAY, MAY 11.

After a brief session of prayer, led by Mrs. Dr. Lowry, the president called the meeting to the usual order of business. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved. An invitation from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Washington was extended to the General Executive Committee to visit that city, whereupon the ladies gave a general expression of their hearty appreciation of the courtesy, and their regret, that as a body of delegates, they were unable to accept the invitation.

The question again arising with regard to the Committee on Real Estate belonging to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. Keen offered a resolution, which was read and adopted, viz. —

Whereas, The committee directed to report upon the real estate owned by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in foreign countries have failed in obtaining accurate information, therefore,

Resolved, That the same duty be referred to the Committee of Correspondence with the Foreign Fields for the ensuing year.

Reports of standing committees being called for, the Committee on Missionary Candidates submitted a partial report, which was read by Mrs. Hauser, secretary of the committee. It was moved and carried that the report be considered item by item. The first item presented recommended "Miss L. A. Campbell to the Board as a proper candidate, leaving the designation of her field to the New England Branch." On motion, the latter clause was changed so as to read as follows: "As the New England Branch desires to send Miss Campbell to China, they are requested to inquire more particularly with reference to her ability of acquiring that language and that they be privileged to send her to that field if found satisfactory." This resolution with its amendment was adopted. [Miss Campbell has since been examined in this particular by a mis-

sionary of the American Board of Missions who has spent several years in Peking. From his testimony we extract the following: "I have no hesitation in saying that she will make excellent progress in the language. She hears and discriminates between sounds very readily and quickly. The fact that she is a singer will be a great help to her." — *Com.*] Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of the Missionary Committee were adopted.

The Committee on Publication presented their Report through their secretary, Mrs. Ingham, which Report was considered item by item. Item 1, containing a cordial indorsement of Mrs. Warren as editress of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND and requesting her to continue in that capacity, was adopted Item 2, recommending the retention of the present corps of editorial contributors, was adopted. Item 3, commendatory of Mrs. Daggett's devotion to the interests of our paper and continuing her in her present position, was adopted. Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were adopted. Item 9, advising that the publication of the Minutes of the sixth meeting of the General Executive Committee include the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the By-Laws of the General Executive Committee, was adopted. Items 10 and 11 were adopted. On motion, the Report was adopted as a whole. (See Appendix No. 1.)

The Report of the Committee on By-Laws was presented by the secretary of that committee, Mrs. Somers, and considered item by item. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was substituted by a resolution offered by Mrs. Lathrop. Item 3 was adopted. Item 4, embracing order of business, was adopted as a whole, with the exception of the Report of the India Mission, which was erased. Art. 5, composed of the rules of order, were adopted as presented. Item 6, defining the duties of the Committee of Reference, was adopted. Item 7, defining the duties of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee and directing the disposition of records of the meeting, was adopted. On motion, the Report was recommitted to have added an item in reference to the manner of remittance of funds to foreign fields; also an article providing for amendment of the By-Laws.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, it was moved and car-

ried that an extension of time be allowed, that the following resolutions, presented by Mrs. Willing, from the Northwestern Branch, might be considered by the Board : —

1. *Resolved*, That we earnestly beseech you to consider the strategic importance of our Kiukiang Mission, and request the General Executive Board, if consistent, to appropriate a sufficient amount of money at their next session to build the much-needed house for our girls.

2. *Whereas*, All successful education, whether intellectual or moral, must have its beginning in childhood, and whereas the children in our Sunday Schools are to constitute the church of the future, and whereas, the interest which the church takes in the cause of missions is the true measure of its loyalty to God, therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully memorialize the officers of the Sunday School Union of our church that in the publication of its literature provision be made for the more perfect instruction of the children in the nature and scope and claims of the cause of Christian missions, by presenting in the Journal and Lesson series a uniform monthly exercise in which all the Sunday Schools of the church may be simultaneously interested.

These resolutions were accepted. The first was referred to the Committee on Finance ; the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch was requested to present a copy of the second as a memorial from the General Executive Committee to the officers of the Sunday School Union for their consideration.

Announcements of meetings were made by the president, and on motion, the committee adjourned with singing a doxology, and receiving the benediction from Rev. Mr. Poulson.

Wednesday Morning, May 12.

The General Executive Committee met at the appointed hour, and engaged in singing and prayer, after which the Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

It was moved by Mrs. Willing that the Executive Committee adjourn, to enable the Committee on Finance to finish their Report. The motion prevailed. The usual announcements were made, and the committee dispersed.

Thursday Morning, May 13.

The Executive Committee assembled as usual, and united with the president in devotional exercises. A request from the Finance

Committee, desiring to be excused until ready to report, extended the religious services, during which an interchange of sentiments was indulged in, cemented by the avowal of a common faith, a unity of purpose, and an earnest hope of a heavenly inheritance in which all might share, though fellowship on earth must be severed for a season. With a sense of sadness at the approaching separation, the delegates resumed their seats for the purpose of consummating the business of the sixth General Executive Committee. On motion, the roll was called, and a large majority of the Committee responded to their names. Farewells were spoken for those who had left the city prior to this session.

The final Report of the Committee on By-Laws was presented. In regard to the article on remittance of funds to foreign fields, upon which the committee were instructed to report, the following was presented : —

This committee would respectfully submit that in their judgment a resolution in reference to the remittance of funds to missionaries, cannot properly come under the head of rules regulating the meetings of the General Committee. They therefore beg to be excused from reporting upon this subject.

After some discussion the request of the committee was granted. The article providing for amendment of the By-Laws was approved, and the full report of the committee adopted. (See Appendix No. 4.)

The final report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was submitted and adopted. (See Appendix No. 3.)

The following resolution was then offered by Mrs. Keen, and unanimously adopted : —

Resolved, That should Miss Swain's failing health compel her return during the year, the Branch by whom she is supported may be allowed to fill the vacancy thus caused, after having complied with the rules stated in the sixth By-Law of the General Executive Committee.

A resolution was then offered by Mrs. Taplin, and carried by a rising vote, viz. —

Resolved, That the Christian hospitality bestowed upon us in this city calls forth our warmest gratitude and most hearty thanks, and that we leave Baltimore with precious memories of the week, and fervent prayers that the richest blessings from the God of love may rest upon and abide with this people.

The committee appointed to express the feeling of this committee in regard to the absence of the corresponding secretary of the Cincinnati Branch, submitted the following paper, which was approved, and a copy ordered to be transmitted to Mrs. Doughty by the secretary of the meeting: —

The General Executive Committee hear with deep sorrow of the cause which detains at home the Corresponding Secretary of the Cincinnati Branch. We remember her thrilling words for Christ and His work at our last Executive Meeting, — how they helped us to a deeper consecration of our own lives and impressed us as coming from one who had been with Jesus. Therefore,

Resolved, That we express to her our sympathy and love, and that we bear her in our prayers, that if it be the will of God, her life may be long spared to carry on His work on earth; that we ask of our Heavenly Father for her the constant consciousness of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, and that she be preserved blameless until His coming with all His saints to receive His own into His inheritance.

Mrs. S. L. Keen, *Chairman*.
Mrs. H. Skidmore.
Mrs. J. F. Willing.

[Just as these Minutes were going to press the following was received from Mrs. Bishop Clark, of Cincinnati: —

"Our dear Mrs. Doughty has gone to her home in Heaven. . . . A little while before she died her pastor asked if, in the near approach of death, her faith faltered. She answered, 'No; I don't know anything about a *faltering* faith.' After long continued coughing she said, 'Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. I am weary.' Soon after she became unconscious, and died at 6.30 A. M., 19th inst. . . . I feel to-day that I am personally bereaved. Dear Mrs. Doughty, may my life's record be like yours, and my last hours sustained by the same unfaltering faith! How much has our society, our church, and the world lost by her death!" — *Com.*]

A resolution offered by Mrs. Hauser was adopted, viz. —

Resolved, That this Board hereby expresses its most hearty appreciation of Mrs. S. L. Baldwin's valuable and extended correspondence on the women and customs of China, published in the Heathen Woman's Friend, and unanimously extends to her sincere thanks for the same.

Mrs. Ingham presented the following resolution: —

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the trustees of the First M. E. Church of Baltimore for the extraordinary facilities afforded us for the general and special sessions of this committee.

Adopted.

Mrs. Daggett submitted a paper proposing the following changes in the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to be considered at the next meeting of the General Executive Committee: —

In Art. I, To strike out the word "foreign."

In Art. II, To strike out the words "foreign" and "native."

In Art. V, To strike out the whole of Sect. 3.

In Art. VI, To strike from the last clause of Sect. 4, the words "each order of the committee, being duly signed by the corresponding secretary."

In Art. VIII, Sect. 3, To insert the word "regular" immediately preceding the words "church services," and to strike out the words "or any promiscuous public meeting."

A motion was made and carried, —

That a committee be appointed to revise the Constitution, and report the proposed changes to the next General Executive Committee.

The following resolution offered by Mrs. Wheeler was adopted: —

Whereas, We learn with regret that the impression exists that in some instances officers of our Society receive pay for their services, and believing these reports to be very injurious to our interests, because they are in direct conflict with the facts in the matter, therefore,

Resolved, That in order to correct this impression, we hereby reiterate a former resolution passed by our General Executive Committee, viz. "That we employ only such assistants as will work without pecuniary remuneration."

The final Report of the Finance Committee was submitted, and considered item by item. The 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th items were adopted as reported. Item 12, referring to life memberships, was adopted with an amendment. (For full Report see Appendix No. 2.)

Estimates of appropriations for the ensuing year were also submitted and approved. (See Appendix No. 5.)

It was moved and carried that Dr. Butler be re-elected treasurer for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the Mexican mission.

It was also moved that Mrs. Rev. S. L. Baldwin be re-elected treasurer for the Mission, Foochow. Carried.

A resolution, offered by Mrs. Clark, that the corresponding secretaries be requested to meet two days in advance of the time for

the Executive Session, was passed, with an amendment explaining the necessity of the arrangement in facilitating plans to be laid before the General Executive Committee.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Lathrop : —

Resolved, That we appreciate the great benefit of Conference Anniversaries to our Society, and in order to make them an honor to us, as well as thoroughly effective in our work, the Branch corresponding secretaries be responsible for their management.

Adopted

Mrs. Taplin presented a resolution, as follows : —

Resolved, That it is the understanding of the General Executive Committee that the medical outfit provided for a lady physician is the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and that on the return of such missionary to this country it shall be left for her successor.

Adopted.

The following was presented by Miss Elliot : —

Resolved. That we tender our thanks to our President and Secretaries, and also to the Committee of Arrangements, for their very efficient labors.

Carried by a rising vote.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The business of the meeting being completed, the president closed with a few earnest and well-directed words of congratulation upon the spirit of love to God and each other which pervaded the entire session, and invoked upon the whole Executive Board the blessing of Him that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow.

The hymn "The whole wide world for Jesus," was sung, and the committee adjourned *sine die*.

Mrs. R. R. Battee, *Secretary*.
Mrs. Rev. Dr. Lowry, *Asst. Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. *Resolved*, That we desire to express our high appreciation of the services rendered by our editor, Mrs. Dr. Warren, and that we recommend her retention in the Editorial Chair on the same terms as last year: deeming her attendance at the General Executive Committee indispensable, we provide for her travelling expenses to these meetings as well as her postage and stationery.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend the continuation of the services of our present corps of editorial contributors.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend the adoption of the report of Mrs. Daggett, agent of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND; and being perfectly satisfied with her interest in the FRIEND and her ability in the management of its publication, we heartily recommend her re-election under the present arrangement.

4. *Resolved*, That two leaves be added to the paper, and the price, including subscription and postage, be increased to fifty cents, beginning with July, 1875. [It has since been decided to add four leaves. — *Com*]

5. *Resolved*, That we ask this Executive Committee to pass a resolution pressing the claims of the FRIEND upon the officers of auxiliaries, urging a more thorough canvass in its behalf.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend, in order to give more interest in the paper to general readers, that a summary of missionary intelligence be printed upon its first page, and that the editor obtain from our missionaries more full descriptions of the natural features of the countries as well as the customs of the people, giving a clear idea of our missionary fields.

7. *Resolved*, That in order to make the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND more of a *necessity* to auxiliaries, we advise that the editorial contributors furnish for its pages methods, programmes, and suggestions for helping the auxiliaries, and that we have a department for this purpose.

8. *Resolved*, That we recommend the publication of an index to the contents of the FRIEND for the year in the June number.

9. *Resolved*, That we recommend the publication of the Minutes of the Sixth General Executive Committee, including the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and that the expense be met from the proceeds of the FRIEND.

10. *Resolved*, That Art. 4 of the Report of the Committee on Publication, found in the Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the General Executive Committee, be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

11. *Resolved*, That we express our hearty thanks to Mr. J. P. Magee for his services as auditor for the accounts of the FRIEND, and request him to continue in that capacity.

MRS. W. B. SKIDMORE, *Chairman.*
MRS. W. A. INGHAM, *Secretary.*

No. 2.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. *Whereas*, The balance in the treasury of each Branch, April 1, does not give a true exhibit of the actual state of our finances, but reports an amount from which two thirds of a quarterly payment is already due, and

Whereas, A more correct statement of our money matters would be given to the public if the balance was reported immediately after the fourth payment, which is, in fact, the actual if not the technical close of the year's work, therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurers of the different Branches be instructed to close their annual reports on the day of the fourth payment of the year, now occurring in February.

2. *Whereas*, While we recognize most fully and gratefully the valuable services rendered us by the missionaries of the Parent Society and their wives as treasurers in various parts of our work, we feel that we have imposed on them heavier duties than we have a right to claim, therefore,

Resolved, That as far as practicable we will employ our own missionaries as treasurers.

3. *Resolved*, That we nominate the following persons as treasurers for the missions where they are stationed: Peking, Miss Porter; South America, Miss Chapin; Kiukiang, Miss Hoag; Mexico, Dr. Butler; Foochow, Mrs. Baldwin; Bulgaria, Rev. W. F. Flocken; Japan, Miss Schoonmaker; Africa, Rev. Mr. Deputie; India, Mrs. Parker.

4. *Resolved*, That in view of exigences that have arisen we re-affirm Resolution 1 in Report of the Finance Committee of 1874, with the following amendment, viz. That any surplus funds in the hands of treasurers in foreign fields be used for work already provided for by the General Executive Committee. Said resolution will then read as follows: —

Resolved, That the funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee to be used only for purposes designated at the General Executive Committee Meeting, any surplus funds in the hands of treasurers in foreign fields to be used for work already provided for by the General Executive Committee.

5. *Resolved*, That assistant teachers in schools under the supervision

of the mission of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be under direction and employment of said missionaries, who shall be responsible to their Society for the work and expenditures of such assistants.

6. *Resolved*, That in compliance with the request from the India Society we will sell the bungalow now owned by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and apply the proceeds, together with the surplus money now held by the Orphanage at Bareilly, for the purchase of said Orphanage from the Parent Society.

7. *Resolved*, That we make the salaries of our missionaries six hundred dollars, allowing one hundred and fifty for incidental expenses.

8. *Resolved*, That the official communications from missionaries be addressed only to corresponding secretaries, postage on such correspondence to be paid by the Branch addressed.

9. *Resolved*, That the following persons be special correspondents for the foreign fields, viz. Bulgaria and Foochow, Mrs. W. B. Skidmore; Bareilly, Mrs. Willing; Peking and Kumaon, Mrs. Keen; South America and Moradabad, Mrs. Doughty; Japan, Mrs Prescott; Africa and Oude District, Miss Hart; Mexico and Kiukiang, Mrs. Taplin.

10. *Resolved*, That each corresponding secretary be expected to report to the General Executive Committee the amount of provisional fund expended by her Branch during the year and the object for which it was used.

11. *Resolved*, That this committee take no action in regard to property in Japan until further correspondence be had with Miss Schoonmaker and Dr. Maclay, Miss Schoonmaker to be instructed to rent accommodations necessary for her work for the present.

12. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of the Northwestern Branch be allowed to pay the expenses of Miss Tinsley's health-trip directed by the India Conference, with the understanding that the case shall not be considered as a precedent for future action.

13. *Resolved*, That in case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

14. *Whereas*, It is the opinion of this General Executive Committee Meeting that uniformity of action in all Branches is desirable and necessary, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly request Branch treasurers to carry out the resolution recorded in the Minutes of 1874, viz. That all Branch treasurers are required to send their remittances through the mission Secretaries of the Parent Board.

15. *Whereas*, There has sometimes been confusion in the accounts of the various Branches, and money has not always reached the destination for which it was intended, therefore,

Resolved, That the treasurers of the different Branches are requested to write to the corresponding secretary of the New York Branch each time of sending remittances to the secretaries of the Parent Missionary Society, stating the amount and places for which it is designed.

16. *Whereas*, The fact that different Branches of our Society have no uniform rule in regard to the reporting of life members and the funds to be used to make such members, therefore,

Resolved, That the money arising from Annual Membership shall not be used for making life members, such members to be made by the payment of twenty dollars distinctively for the purpose, and their membership to be acknowledged at the time of pledge and payment of first five dollars.

MRS. JENNIE F. WILLING, *Chairman.*
MRS. C. P. TAPLIN, *Secretary.*

No. 3.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates met according to appointment, and was led in devotional exercises by the chairman.

The credentials of Miss Letitia A. Campbell, of Cambridge, Mass., were presented, and the subjoined resolution was adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That we most heartily and unanimously recommend Miss L. A. Campbell to the Board as a person well adapted to the work of a foreign missionary; and as the New England Branch desires to send Miss Campbell to China, they are requested to inquire more particularly with regard to her ability for acquiring the Chinese language, and that they be privileged to send her to that field if found satisfactory.

2. *Resolved*, That the papers of Miss L. A. Hargrave are not sufficiently definite as regards health to enable us to give our final approval, but that in other respects they are found satisfactory; and that Mrs. Willing be requested to have further personal intercourse and inquiry into the matter of health, and if Miss Hargrave be called for during the year, her papers be passed to the Committee of Reference for final action.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend, in order that the form of questions concerning the health and physical ability of our missionary candidates may be more carefully and intelligently prepared than it is possible for the committee at this time to arrange, that the matter be left in the hands of the chairman, Mrs. Keen, who, after she has consulted competent physicians, shall refer a form of questions to the Committee of Reference for approval. [See Form of Certificate on page 25.]

4. *Resolved*, That some experienced medical practitioner be selected in each Branch, to whom shall be shown the health certificate after it has been filled out by a physician, and who shall give an opinion as to the physical capabilities of the candidate and to what climate her constitution is best adapted.

5. *Resolved*, In compliance with a request from Foochow for a change in our resolutions concerning medical practice, we would respectfully reply that in our judgment, the matter is left with quite sufficient liberty to the

physician, and refer to paragraph on page 10 of the Minutes of 1874, as follows: "It was decided that while a diploma from an Allopathic College is required, the practice is left to the necessities arising in each case."

Whereas, There has been some misunderstanding with reference to the use that should be made of outfit money, therefore,

6. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the corresponding secretaries to give written instructions to the missionaries elect, that the outfit money shall be spent only for furniture, clothing, and books.

7. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Editing and Publishing Minutes be requested to gather up from the different sources all the instructions to missionaries, and embody them in a complete form, and publish them in the Minutes and also on separate leaflets.

8. *Resolved*, That in conformity with the requirements of the case and out of regard to the lives, health, and effective labors of our missionaries, we recommend that provision be made by which they may return to this country at the expiration of five years' service, should they desire, and that they be allowed half their regular salary for the first year after return, it being understood that if they continue in the work of the Society in America, their travelling expenses will be paid by the Branch for which they labor.

Instruction of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to Missionary Applicants.

1. A missionary candidate must be fully convinced that she is divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary.

2. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

3. She must furnish satisfactory testimonials of education, from competent and reliable authority.

4. Financial and executive ability, power to adapt herself to surrounding circumstances, and some degree of experience in teaching are requisite qualifications for a successful missionary in a foreign field.

5. Her age should be not less than twenty-two nor more than thirty, although a thorough intellectual training, with a facility for the acquisition of languages and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered a sufficient reason for some deviation from strict adherence to this rule.

6. She must assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference will always be considered.

Special Instructions of the General Executive Committee to Missionaries employed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1. All missionaries in employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and be subject to the same

rules and regulations which govern other missionaries of the Methodist Church where they may be stationed.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the corresponding secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to the missionary through that secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They are especially requested to include in their reports all items, anecdotes, and incidents of interest in a manner suitable for publication in the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

5. They, with the wives of missionaries who labor in the interest of this Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare at each session of the Conference or annual meeting of the missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said Conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

6. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society the estimate for which has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

7. They shall credit all donations received for the support of their work, to the Society, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

8. A medical missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of receipts and disbursements of all fees received for medical service; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work, any surplus being credited to her Branch.

9. The Society agrees to pay the expenses of its missionaries from the time of their leaving their home until their arrival at the place of destination, their salaries from the time of their arrival in the mission field; and in case a missionary is obliged to relinquish her work on account of ill health, the Society agrees to meet the expense of her return to her home.

10. Every missionary employed by this Society is required to give at least five years' continuous service as a single woman to the mission work assigned her, and should she, for any reason (sickness excepted), withdraw from the work of the Society before the expiration of that term, she will be required to refund the amount expended for her outfit and passage.

11. Every lady to be employed by this Society will be required to signify her willingness to comply with the above rules by signing her name thereto.

MRS. J. F. KEEN, *Chairman.*
MRS. I. L. HAUSER, *Secretary*

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH.

The following questions have been prepared in order to elicit more particular information regarding the health and probable powers of endurance of missionary candidates, than has heretofore been afforded by the ordinary medical certificate.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EXAMINING PHYSICIAN.

Name.

Age Height. Weight.

PRESENT HEALTH.

- Chest measurement, (*a*) At complete expiration. (*b*) At complete inspiration.
- Temperament.
- Appearance, (*a*) As to general health. (*b*) Probable capability of enduring fatigue. (*c*) Capability of enduring climatic influence.

PAST HISTORY.

PERSONAL.

- Mode of life.
- General health.
- Capability of enduring fatigue.
- Capability of enduring nervous strain.
- Capability of enduring exposure to heat or cold.
- Tendency to pulmonic diseases.
- Tendency to diarrhœa or other abdominal affections.
- Tendency to menstrual disorder.
- Has subject tendency to any special class of diseases?

FAMILY.

- Inquire as to general health of parents and their tendency to disease.
- General remarks.

(Signature of physician.)

No. 4.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS FOR GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said Committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

2. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet the day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and plan work for its sessions, and report the same at the opening of said Committee.

3. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose bounds the Committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected

4. The ORDER OF BUSINESS shall be as follows: —

1. Calling of the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.* Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Extension of Work, Committee on Applications of Missionary Candidates.
4. Reception of Reports from Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Reception of Treasurers' Reports.
6. Report of Agent of HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.
7. Presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Reception of memorials, petitions, and estimates.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notices of constitutional amendments.
11. Appointment of Committee of Reference for the ensuing year.
12. Miscellaneous business.

5. The RULES OF ORDER shall be as follows: —

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No lady shall leave the room without permission from the Chair.

6. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Corresponding Secretaries of the various branches, whose duties shall be as follows:

It shall hold correspondence with the missionaries in the different localities of our mission field, in order that thorough information may be obtained with regard to all parts of our work, — such information to be presented on requisition of the General Executive Committee, the fields of correspondence for the respective secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

It shall have power to adjust any matters of difference which may arise between the Branches, and to fill any vacancy that may occur in the office of the agent or editor of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND during the year.

If a Branch Board shall desire to send a lady to a foreign field, the work having been estimated for by the General Executive Committee, her testimonials shall be sent to this Committee, and a majority of them concurring, she may receive her appointment.

7. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, which, when entered upon a suitable book of record, shall be deposited in the safe of the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

8. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

MRS. L. H. DAGGETT, *Chairman.*
MRS. J. W. SOMERS, *Secretary.*

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1875–6.

New England Branch.

India.

Moradabad, Christian girls' school	$600 00	
" City schools	200 00	
" Home	1,000 00	
" Bible-women	190 00	
" Medical work	100 00	
Bareilly, Miss Swain's salary	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Assistant	100 00	
" Orphanage	360 00	
Bijnour	250 00	
Budaon	300 00	
Amroha	200 00	
Panahpore	200 00	
Roy Bareilly	300 00	
Total		$4,550 00

China.

Peking, outfit and passage for teacher	$1,500 00	
" Hospital	1,000 00	
" School expenses	400 00	
" Foochow, one deaconess under Mrs. Plumb	24 00	
Total		2,924 00

South America.

Miss Chapin's salary	$600 00	
Incidentals	150 00	
Personal teacher	72 00	
House rent	600 00	
Orphanage	300 00	
Total		1,722 00

Mexico.

Bible-woman	$60 00	
Orphanage	400 00	
Total		460 00
Provisional		1,000 00
Grand total		$10,656 00

New York Branch.

India.

Moradabad, Home	$1,000 00	
" Miss Pultz's salary	600 00	

Moradabad, Incidentals	$150 00	
" Miss Lore's salary	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Medical work	200 00	
" Bible-woman	60 00	
Bareilly, Miss Sparkes' salary	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Orphanage	600 00	
" Bible-women	300 00	
" City girls' school	150 00	
Khira Bajhira school	150 00	
Budaon	440 00	
Bible-women	180 00	
Hurdui, Bible-woman	60 00	
Lucknow, scholarship	60 00	
Eastern Kumaon, Bible-women	100 00	
Paori, medical work	100 00	
Panahpore	100 00	
Total		$5,750 00
China.		
Peking, repairs on buildings	$75 00	
Kiukiang, one day-school teacher	50 00	
" Rent and repairs	450 00	
" Day school	50·00	
Foochow, Miss Trask's salary	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Personal teacher	120 00	
" Hospital	4,000 00	
" Dispensary	200 00	
" Deaconesses	48 00	
Total		5,743 00
Japan.		300 00
Bulgaria.		114 00
South America.		
Orphanage	$150 00	
Orphanage expenses	300 00	
Total		450 00
Mexico.		
Miss Hastings' salary	$600 00	
Incidentals	150 00	
Personal teacher	108 00	
Bible-woman	60 00	
Orphanage	800 00	
Total		1,718 00
Provisional		1,000 00
Grand total		$15,075 00

Northwestern Branch.

India.

Paori, Orphanage	$300 00	
" Boarding-school	75 00	
Srinugger, girls' school	100 00	
Sumbhal	150 00	
Chundausi	50 00	
Bareilly, Orphanage	300 00	
" Two scholarships	60 00	
" Miss Tinsley's salary	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Miss Rowe's salary	360 00	
Total		$2,145 00

China.

Peking, school expenses	$200 00	
Foochow, salary of Miss S. H. Woolston	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Personal teacher	120 00	
" Schools to be opened by Mrs. Baldwin	160 00	
" One deaconess under Miss Woolston	36 00	
" Three deaconesses under Mrs. Baldwin	72 00	
" Travelling expenses	15 00	
Kiukiang, Miss Howe's salary	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Personal teacher	120 00	
" Miss Hoag's salary	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Personal teacher	120 00	
" Matron	50 00	
" Furniture and incidentals	50 00	
" Land and wall for hospital	1,200 00	
" Orphan for eighteen months	75 00	
" To finish Home	600 00	
" Deficiency in exchange	300 00	
Total		5,368 00

Japan.

Miss Schoonmaker's salary	$600 00	
Incidentals	150 00	
For sending teacher	500 00	
Total		1,250 00

South America.

Miss Denning's salary	$600 00	
Incidentals	150 00	
Bible-women	100 00	
Total		850 00

Bulgaria.

Bible-women	$105 00	
Education of one girl	75 00	
Total		$180 00

Mexico.

Orphanage	$300 00	
Provisional	1,500 00	
Total		1,800 00
Grand total		$11,593 00

Western Branch.

India.

Moradabad, Miss Blackmar's salary	$600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
Bareilly, Orphanage	480 00	
Paori, Girls' Orphanage	60 00	
Seetapore, girls' school and Bible-women	200 00	
Srinugger, rent of Sanitarium	150 00	
Budaon, Bible-woman	60 00	
Gondah, schools and Bible-women	200 00	
Total		$1,900 00

China.

Peking, Miss Porter's salary	$600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Personal teacher	120 00	
" Matron	30 00	
Foochow, watchman	42 00	
" One school under Mrs. Plumb	80 00	
" One school to be opened under Mrs. Plumb	80 00	
" One deaconess under Mrs. Plumb	24 00	
Kiukiang, one Bible-reader	50 00	
Boarding-school teacher	50 00	
Total		1,226 00

Japan

Personal teacher	120 00

Mexico.

Orphanage	$200 00	
Pachuca, assistant teacher.	180 00	
Total		380 00
Grand total		$3,626 00

Cincinnati Branch.

India.

Bareilly, Orphanage	$300 00	
Lucknow, Miss Thoburn's salary	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Boarding-school	300 00	
" Assistants	200 00	
" Scholarships in Miss Thoburn's school	120 00	
" Three Bible-women	180 00	
Shahjehanpore, schools	160 00	
" Two Bible-women	120 00	
Barabanki, schools	100 00	
" For Miss Leming's return	500 00	
Total		$2,730 00

China

Foochow, four day-schools (Mrs. Baldwin)	$320 00	
" Two deaconesses	48 00	
" Insurance on school-house	45 00	
Peking, wall	250 00	
Kiukiang, Miss Mason's salary	600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Personal teacher	120 00	
" Boarding-school	2,000 00	
Total		3,533 00

Mexico.

Miss Warner's salary	$600 00	
Incidentals	150 00	
Personal teacher	120 00	
Miss Warner's assistant	180 00	
Eight orphans	400 00	
Rent	105 00	
Total		1,555 00

South America.

One orphan		75 00

Japan.

An outfit of missionary		500 00
Provisional		3,777 00
Grand total		$12,170 00

Philadelphia Branch.

India.

Lucknow, Christian girls' school	$400 00	
Bareilly, Orphanage	360 00	
Moradabad, city schools	110 00	

Paori, Orphanage	$60 00	
" Boarding-school	125 00	
" Mrs. Mooney's salary	180 00	
Cawnpore	200 00	
Total		$1,435 00
China.		
Peking, Miss Comb's salary	$600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Personal teacher	120 00	
" Hospital and dispensary expenses	500 00	
" To complete hospital wall	250 00	
" School and Home building	50 00	
Foochow, hospital	500 00	
" Mrs. Edgell's school	80 00	
Kiukiang, Mrs. Tong and Mrs. She	100 00	
" Rent for school building	450 00	
" Boarding-school	400 00	
Total		3,200 00
Mexico.		
Orphanage		300 00
Japan.		500 00
South America.		
Orphanage		75 00
Provisional		500 00
Grand total		$6,010 00

Baltimore Branch.

India.		
Bareilly, Girls' Orphanage	$150 00	
" Bible-women	240 00	
Nynee Tal, girls' school	240 00	
Pablei, girls' school	80 00	
Moradabad, Miss Hart's salary	240 00	
Total		$950 00
China.		
Foochow, Miss B. Woolston's salary	$600 00	
" Incidentals	150 00	
" Personal teacher	120 00	
" Repairs	42 00	
" Seven schools under Miss Woolston	560 00	
" Boarding-school	800 00	
" Deaconess	24 00	
" Travelling expenses	78 00	
" Hospital	500 00	

Kiukiang, day-school	$50 00	
Peking, day-school teacher	84 00	
Total		$3,008 00
Japan.		200 00
Africa.		
Bixby school		200 00
Mexico.		
Orphanage	$250 00	
Bible-reader	60 00	
Total		310 00
South America.		
Orphanage		150 00
Grand total		$4,818 00

RECAPITULATION.

	India.	China.	Japan.	Mexico.	South America.	Bulgaria.	Africa.	Provisional.	Totals.
New England Branch	$4,550	$2,924		$460	$1,722			$1,000	$10,656
New York "	5,750	5,743	$300	1,718	450	$114		1,000	15,075
Northwestern "	2,145	5,368	1,250	300	850	180		1,500	11,593
Western "	1,900	1,226	120	380					3,626
Cincinnati "	2,730	3,533	500	1,555	75			3,777	12,170
Philadelphia "	1,435	3,200	500	300	75			500	6,010
Baltimore "	950	3,008	200	310	150		$200		4,818
Totals	$19,460	$25,002	$2,870	$5,023	$3,322	$294	$200	$7,777	$63,948

Missionaries in employ of W. F. M. Soc., June, 1875.	Birthplace.	Date of departure for the mission-field.	Present Address.	By what Branch supported.
Miss Isabella Thoburn. .	St. Clairsville, . . Ohio	Sailed from N. York, Oct. 1869.	Lucknow, India.	Cincinnati Branch.
" Clara A. Swain, M D	Elmira, ... N. Y.	" " " " "	Bareilly, "	New England "
" Fannie Sparkes . .	Binghamton, . . . N. Y.	" " " Sept. 1870.	" "	New York "
" Jennie Tinsley . . .	Clonmell, . . . Ireland	" " " " 1871.	Lucknow, "	Chicago "
" Mary Q. Porter . .	Allegheny City, . . Pa.	" "S. Francisco, Nov. "	Peking, China.	Western "
" Beulah Woolston .	New Jersey	" " " " "	Foochow, "	Baltimore "
" Sarah Woolston . .	New Jersey	" " " " "	" "	Chicago "
" Gertrude Howe . .	Poughkeepsie, . . N. Y.	" " " Oct. 1872.	Kiukiang, "	" "
" Lucy H. Hoag . . .	Milan, ... Mich.	" " " " "	" "	" "
" L. E. Blackmar . .	West Springfield, . Pa.	" " New York, " "	Moradabad, India.	Western "
" L M. Pultz	Windsor, ... N. Y.	" " " " "	" "	New York "
" L. L. Coombs, M. D	. . . . N. Y.	" "S. Francisco, May '73.	Peking, China	Philadelphia "
" S. M. Warner . . .	Groton, ... N. Y.	" " N. Orleans, Jan. 1874.	City Mexico, Mex.	Cincinnati "
" Mary Hastings. . .	Blanford, . . . Mass.	" " New York, " "	Pachuca, "	New York "
" Jennie M. Chapin .	Chicopee, . . . Mass.	" " " " "	Rosario, S. A.	New England "
" L. B. Denning . . .	Knox Co., Ohio	" " " " "	" "	Chicago "
" S. Trask, M. D . . .	Spring Creek, . . . Pa.	" "S. Francisco, Oct. "	Foochow, China.	New York "
" Letitia Mason, M. D.		" " " " "	Kiukiang, "	Cincinnati "
" Dora Schoonmaker.		" " " " "	Japan.	Chicago "
" Anna Julia Lore, M. D.	Buenos Ayres, . . S. A.	" " New York, " "	Moradabad, India.	New York "
Missionaries formerly in employ of W. F. M. Soc.				
Miss Carrie McMillan. .	Gettysburg, ... Pa.	" " New York, Sept. '71.	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Shajehanpore, India.	Supported by the Parent Society.
" Maria Browne . . .	Born on Atlantic Ocean.	" "S. Francisco, Nov. "	Mrs. Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking, China.	Supported by the Parent Society.
" S. F. Leming. . . .	Clermont Co., . . Ohio	" " N. York, Aug. 1873.	Failing health compelled her return to America. She arrived May, 1875.	She was supported by Cincinnati Branch.

NOTE. — This list is not complete without the name of one who had received her appointment to India, and from whom was expected the greatest degree of success in her labors in that land. The biographical sketch of this our first "promoted" missionary reads as follows: "Miss Josephine M. Copp was born in Machias, N. Y.; graduated at Alfred University, New York, also at Ann Arbor Medical College, 1873. Appointed to India; died at Plainwell, Mich., Feb. 8, 1874."

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. — Name.

This Association shall be called "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Article II. — Purpose.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in the foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible-readers in those fields.

Article III. — Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

Article IV. — Organization.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Branch and Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

Article V. — General Executive Committee.

Sect. 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Branch Societies and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said Committee shall meet at Boston the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

Sect. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be, —

1. To receive the reports of the several Treasurers, and ascertain from them the financial condition of the Society, and to appropriate moneys found in the several treasuries in such ways as shall be deemed best in accordance with the purposes and method herein indicated.

2. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, including the employment of new missionaries and the designation of their fields of labor, and to devise means for carrying forward this work, fixing the amount necessary to be raised, and arranging with the Branch Societies as to the number of missionaries to be supported and the work to be undertaken by each Branch.

3. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch Society, to have charge of the missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange with the Corresponding Secretaries for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

4. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand. Provided, nevertheless, that all the plans and directions of the Committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI. — BRANCH SOCIETIES.

SECT. 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Cincinnati shall be regarded as co-ordinate Branches of this Society on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SECT. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the Church: —

Districts.	States.	Headquarters.
I.	New England States	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania, Delaware	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky . . .	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin . .	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Colorado	St. Louis.
VIII.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas .	New Orleans.
IX.	Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida	Atlanta.
X.	Pacific Coast	San Francisco.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SECT. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, — who may be a gentleman, — and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SECT. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign mis-

sionaries, with the other Branches, and with its auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor by all practicable means to form auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in their Annual Report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the Committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

Sect. 5. The Executive Committee shall have full supervision of all the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of those funds required for that work, provide for all the wants and receive all the reports of the missionaries, Bible-women, and teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by their Branch.

Sect. 6. No Branch Society shall project new work or undertake the support of new missionaries except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

Sect. 7. Each Branch Society may make its own By-Laws regulating its meetings and those of its Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to the efficiency of the Society, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Article VII. — Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually may form a society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

Article VIII. — Relation to the Missionary Authorities of the Church.

Sect. 1. This Society will work in harmony with, and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and be subject to their approval in the employment and remuneration of missionaries, the designation of their fields of labor, and in the general plans and designs of its work.

Sect 2. All missionaries supported by the Society shall be approved by the constituted missionary authorities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the particular missions of the Society in which they may be severally employed; and they shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in those particular missions.

Sect. 3. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any church services or in any promiscuous public meetings, but shall be raised by securing Members, Life Members, Honorary Managers and Patrons, and by such other methods as will not interfere with the ordinary collections or contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Article IX. — Change of Constitution.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.